

STATED SESSION MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO
September 22, 2020

A stated meeting of the session of FPCO was held on September 22, 2020 and was called to order by moderator, Senior Pastor Dr. David Swanson at 6:00 PM via Zoom Video Conference.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE:

Teaching Elders: Dr. David D. Swanson, Dr. Case Thorp, Dr. Jack Peebles, Rev. Tanner Fox

Senior Leadership Team: Dale van Gelder, COO and Bret Allen, Minister of Family Life

Ruling Elders: Barbara Clayton, Jim Hardy, Robby Ball, Darrell Carpenter Sr., Katie Witter, Ellen Arnold, Greg Burden, John Caplan, Amanda Cowan, Becky Wilson, Erin Lindblad, Allen Peacock, Bo Morgan, Quino Martinez

Excused: Melody Lynch, Rick Pullum, Kurt Wood

Staff: Christina McDaniel, Steve Eastwood, Grace Whitlow

Other attendees: Bryan Knedgen, (Incoming elders and deacons) Jeff Brown, Russ Towle, Heidi Towle, Jonathan Rossi, Jonathan Thigpen, Karen Thigpen, Scarlett Broughton, Zane Henderson, Greg McNeil, Hattie Summer, Majory Ncnair, Michael Kelly, Pat Stainbrook, Roger Noonan, Betsy Hirschy, Doris Houck, Lance Fair.

A quorum was declared.

The meeting was opened in prayer by TE David D. Swanson.

APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET WITH THE ADDITION OF TWO MOTIONS.

(Commissioners for October Presbytery Meeting and covenant partner-led adult Bible studies/small group gatherings) **M/S/P**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES M/S/P

STATISTICS

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| Membership as of July 31, 2020..... | 3,624 |
| Transfers into the congregation..... | |
| 10 | |
| Reaffirmation of faith..... | 3 |
| Profession of faith..... | 2 |
| Profession of faith & baptism..... | 0 |
| Restored to the roll..... | 0 |
| Total..... | 15 |
| Transfers from the congregation..... | 5 |
| Deaths..... | 3 |
| Removed from the roll..... | 0 |

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| Placed On The Inactive Roll..... | 0 |
| Total..... | 8 |
| Membership As Of August 31, 2020..... | 3,631 |

Transfers Into The Congregation:

- Ms. Brenda Erwin – From Reformation Lutheran Church, Orlando, Florida.
- Mr. Carter Fisher – By Reaffirmation of Faith
- Mrs. Samantha L. Fisher – By Reaffirmation of Faith
- Mr. Adam Frisch – From St Luke’s United Methodist Church, Orlando, Florida.
- Mrs. Suzanne Frisch – From St Luke’s United Methodist Church, Orlando, Florida.
- Ms. Jaclyn Johnson – From Reformation Lutheran Church, Orlando, Florida.
- Mr. Brian Larson – From St Luke’s United Methodist Church, Orlando, Florida.
- Mrs. Kimberly Larson – From St Luke’s United Methodist Church, Orlando, Florida.
- Mr. Spencer Pelfrey – Eastside Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia.
- Mrs. Courtney Pelfrey –Eastside Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia.
- Mr. John Sirounis – By Profession of Faith
- Mrs. Danielle Sirounis – By Profession of Faith
- Ms. Macarena Torres – By Reaffirmation of Faith
- Mr. Jeremy West – From Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama.
- Mrs. Emily Will – From Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dismissed:

- Mr. & Mrs. Bruce C. (Michaelle) Woodruff Were Dismissed to First United Methodist Church, Winter Park, Florida.
- Mr. & Mrs. Harold W. (Marlyce A.) Mulder – Dismissed to the First Christian Reformed Church, Waupun, Wisconsin.
- Mrs. Deborah Shelton – Dismissed to Saint Andrews Chapel, Sanford, Florida.

Deaths:

- Mrs. Julie Maddox died 7/3/2020
- Mr. Tracy J. Allen died 8/19/2020
- Mr. Jesse O. Garcia died 8/28/2020

From the roll and these members will not affect the membership count:

- Mr Bobby Adams
- Mrs Judy Adams
- Mr Philip A Ashler
- Mr Brett D Babir
- Mr Jerry Best
- Mr Jeffrey B Bobolts
- Mrs Leslie E Bobolts
- Mr Neil W Booher
- Mr Barry G Burke
- Mrs Karen Burke
- Mrs Carole H Carter
- Mr James J Carter
- Mrs Claudia De Young
- Mr Nelson De Young

Mr Carlos X Gimenez
 Ms Nancy N Glick
 Mr Cameron J Ingrum
 Mrs Christa Ingrum
 Mr Jonathan A Ippel
 Mrs Kendra L Ippel
 Mrs Heather K Mills
 Mr Jonathan R Mills
 Mr Robert S Milward
 Ms Marcella D Orndorff
 Mr Chuck Price
 Mrs Melissa Price
 Mr Ryan M Priemer
 Ms Ann W Reese
 Miss Emily Savage
 Mr Jack Savage
 Mrs Amy Sinns
 Miss Emma J Sinns
 Mr Samuel V Sinns
 Mrs Cheri M Steed
 Mr Jerry W Steed
 Mr Kenneth D Steindal
 Mr Jeff Sternberg
 Mrs Marilyn Sternberg
 Ms Elizabeth C Tomin

Marriages:

John David Mitchell and Anna Bret Allen were married 8/8/2020 in the sanctuary.

CONSENT AGENDA

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| 1 – 1 | Remove from the roll: Mr. Richard Paul Richbourg Mrs. Jeanne Varley Richbourg Dr. Matthew D. Hurbanis |
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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA M/S/P

MINISTER REPORT

- Discussion on call with the Stono Institute.

PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

Seminarian coming under the care of Session: TE David D. Swanson introduced Covenant Partner and FPCO Middle School Coordinator, Tyler Wilson, to the Session. Tyler gave his testimony and his current ministry activities.

MOTION: To approve Covenant Partner and FPCO Middle School Coordinator, Tyler Wilson coming under the care of the FPCO Session as he works towards his ordination. M/S/P

Dr. Case Thorp prayed for Tyler and his next steps.

INFORMATION: Jude Vilma (and wife) has come to Orlando to study at Reformed Theological Seminary from St. Andrew's Kirk (EPC) in Nassau, Bahamas. Jude won the prestigious Andrew Jumper Scholarship which provides a full ride for a future EPC pastor. Jude will be serving as a Pastoral Resident Intern at FPCO during his time in seminary.

MOTION: To approve RE's Mike Gillet, Tami Kaiser, Doris Houck, and Amanda Cowan serving as commissioners for the Presbytery of Florida & the Caribbean's 91st Stated Meeting on October 17, 2020 via Videoconference. M/S/P

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MOTION: To approve setting the Cash Reserves ceiling at \$1,720,000. M/S/P

MOTION: To approve the formation of a Session Task Force to gain budget alignment on the Collaborative. Members include TE Dr. David D. Swanson, TE Dr. Jack Peebles, RE Becky Wilson, and RE Kurt Wood. M/S/P

MOTION: To approve appointment of a Session Work Group to evaluate scope of sanctuary updates by January 2021. M/S/P

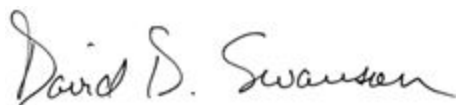
MOTION: To approve 2020-2021 budget. M/S/P

EQUIPPING WORK GROUP

MOTION: To allow, beginning the week of October 5th, covenant partner-led adult Bible studies/small group gatherings of 20 people or less to use predetermined designated spaces on the campus of FPCO, with an understanding that participants will adhere to all COVID19 related protocols previously approved by Session with an added requirement to record attendance for the purpose of contact tracing if needed. Attendance will be reported to Cameron Hughes, the Director of Connections. M/S/P

Steve Eastwood, Director of Student Ministry, provided background information on Eagle Rock Retreat, an annual retreat for high school students, and possible COVID19 safety protocols that may be implemented. Further discussion to be held at the next session meeting.

Closing prayer was led by RE Jim Hardy and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM by Moderator and Senior Pastor Dr. David Swanson.



David Swanson
Moderator

Greg Burden
Clerk